



## HB1010: Written Testimony - SUPPORT

March 5, 2020

Dear Chair Pendergrass, Vice-Chair Pena-Melnyk, and Members of the HGO Committee:

We are writing on behalf of PFLAG-MetroDC in **Support of HB1010 - Health Care Facilities – Discrimination (LGBTQ Senior Bill of Rights)**. This bill prevents a comprehensive care/extended care facility from discriminating based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or HIV status.

Senior citizens are already an incredibly vulnerable group and LGBTQ+ people in this community face a high risk of violence, discrimination, and neglect. By extending protections to this community and establishing an LGBTQ Senior Bill of Rights for health care facilities, we would be taking the necessary steps to ensure the safety and well being of our senior citizens.

We urge a **Favorable Report on HB1010.**

Thank you,

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